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Literature:

Moore, 1909

Hartman, 1947; 1969

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Visapsetia abanatara

Diagnostic characters:

- 1. Thorax with 11 setigers of capillaries only.
- 2. First setiger with notosetae only.
- 3. Anterior thorax weakly areolated.
- 4. Prostomium with 2 patches of eyespots; may be difficult to see if retracted.
- 5. Abdominal notopodia elevated.
- 6. Branchiae absent.
- 7. Methyl green staining: paired mid-ventral "racing stripes"; this may be a generic pattern for Notomastus, as other species also show it.

Related species and differences:

- N. lineatus first setiger biramous.
- N. lobatus first setiger biramous; branchiae present as digitate filaments.
- N. magnus first setiger biramous; branchiae present as dendritic tufts.
- N. precocis first setiger biramous; last 3 thoracic neuropodia with hooded hooks.

Distribution:

Western Canada to southern California; intertidal, shelf, canyon depths.